

_____ BILL NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____
(Primary Sponsor)

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TIMEFRAME FOR CERTAIN REQUESTS UNDER THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-5-105 AND 69-5-106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 69-5-105, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-5-105. Service to new consumers. (1) Except as provided in 69-5-106 and 69-5-113, the electric facilities provider that has a line nearest the premises at the time the customer or customer's representative files a request for service from a utility and that has the capacity to serve the premises, as measured in accordance with subsection (2), shall provide electric service facilities to the premises initially requiring service ~~after May 2,~~ 1997.

(2) All measurements under this part must be made on the shortest vector that can be drawn from the line nearest the premises to the nearest permanent portion of the premises."

Section 2. Section 69-5-106, MCA, is amended to read:

"69-5-106. Electric service facilities to large customers. A regulated utility electric facilities provider has the right to furnish electric service facilities to the premises of a large customer if the regulated utility electric facilities provider can extend its electric service facilities to the premises of a large customer at less cost than other electric facilities providers at the time the customer or customer's representative files a request for service from a utility. The estimated connected load must be determined from the plans and specifications prepared for construction of the premises or, if an estimate is not available, must be determined by mutual agreement of the electric facilities provider and the large customer."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

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